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4. Ambassadorial Departures

American Ambassador Parker T. Hart left Jidda May 29 for home leave and reassignment.

Following the severance of diplomatic relations between Saudi Arabia and the German Federal Republic (see Weeks No. 21), West German Ambassador Dr. Wilhelm KOPF departed Jidda May 29.

The Iraqi Ambassador, Makki JAMIL, is also preparing to leave Jidda soon, reportedly for retirement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Airport Construction

Correction to Political/Economic Item 3, Joint Weeks 21:

The Saudi Government has awarded a contract worth about \$3 million to Airways Engineering Corporation, Washington, D.C., for design of a new international airport at Jidda and a new terminal building and related facilities at Riyadh. Construction is to be completed within three years at a cost of about \$35 million. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY

1. U.S.-Saudi Military Construction Agreement Concluded

Following several months of negotiation, the Saudi Government approved, as of May 24, 1965, the text of a Military Construction Agreement under which the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will provide complete engineering and construction management services for the design, contracting, and construction of facilities for the Saudi Arabian military forces. Specifically, this six-year agreement covers the construction of military facilities at Tabuk, Khamis Mushayt, and al-Qaysumah, the total estimated cost being about \$100 million. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

COMMENT: This agreement represents the initial step of an effort by the Saudi Government to improve and modernize accommodations and facilities for its troops at three central points. Many of these troops are still housed in tents, with little or no suitable accommodations available for dependents and with inadequate

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repair, maintenance, and training facilities. The Saudis hope that with the provision of more desirable quarters, the attractions of a career in the Saudi Army will be enhanced and the currently heavy turn-over in personnel can be reduced. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Visit of USS John W. Weeks to Jidda

The USS JOHN W. WEEKS (DD-701), Commander R. F. PATTERSON, USN, Commanding, visited Jidda May 27-June 1. During their stay in this port the ship's officers attended a reception given by Ambassador Hart for Saudi officials and businessmen on the occasion of his departure, as well as smaller parties hosted by members of the American community. Ninety members of Jidda's American community were invited on a several hour cruise in return for hospitality offered on many previous visits of ships under COMIDEASTFOR's Command. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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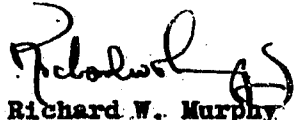
Press highlights during the week were the visit of Indian Vice President Zakir Hussain, the Arab Heads of Government Conference in Cairo, and Arab-Israeli military clashes along the Jordanian and Syrian frontiers. The continuation of U.S. and South Vietnamese air raids on targets in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of some contingents of the U.S. forces from the Dominican Republic also attracted attention in the press but without significant editorial comment. The CLAY-LISTON heavyweight championship fight attracted an unusual amount of interest, including the major headline in al-Madina on May 27, due primarily to Clay's membership in the Black Muslims.

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